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Title: DISK DRIVE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2004 (Paper No. 7) and is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response in the Office Action.

In response to the Office Action please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.